



IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows :

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A Shingle Ripper for removing existing shingles from a roof comprising:

a claw being a plate with a front edge, the claw having a bottom surface and a top surface, the front edge having teeth; and

a handle including:

a claw section affixed to the claw,

a lower section connected to the claw section and being located at an acute angle upwardly from the bottom surface,

a lower intermediate section connected to the lower section at an acute angle upwardly away from the bottom surface,

an upper intermediate section connected to the lower intermediate section at an acute angle downwardly toward the bottom surface, and

an upper section connected to the upper intermediate section at an acute angle upwardly away from the bottom surface each acute angle being in the range of twenty five to thirty five degrees.

2.(ORIGINAL) A Shingle Ripper according to claim 1 wherein the claw is a generally triangularly-shaped plate with a front edge.

3. (ORIGINAL) A Shingle Ripper according to claim 1 wherein the claw is a generally triangularly-shaped plate with a front edge, the front edge having teeth.

4.(ORIGINAL) A Shingle Ripper according to claim 1 wherein the claw has a rear

tip, the rear tip being bent upwardly away from the bottom surface at an acute angle.

5.(ORIGINAL) A Shingle Ripper according to claim 1 wherein the claw has a rear tip, the rear tip being bent upwardly away from the bottom surface at an acute angle in the range of approximately twenty-five to thirty-five degrees.

6.(ORIGINAL) A Shingle Ripper according to claim 1 wherein the claw has a rear tip, the rear tip being bent upwardly away from the bottom surface at an acute angle of approximately thirty degrees.

7.(ORIGINAL) A Shingle Ripper according to claim 1 wherein the lower intermediate section of the handle and the upper section of the handle are substantially parallel.

8.(CANCELLED) A Shingle Ripper according to claim 1 wherein each acute angle is in the range of twenty-five to thirty-five degrees.

9.(ORIGINAL) A Shingle Ripper according to claim 1 wherein each acute angle is approximately thirty degrees.

10.(CURRENTLY AMENDED) A Shingle Ripper for removing existing shingles from a roof comprising:

- a claw being a generally triangularly-shaped plate with a front edge, the claw having a bottom surface and a top surface, the front edge having teeth;

- a handle including:

- a claw section affixed to the claw,

- a lower section connected to the claw section and being located at an acute angle from the bottom surface,

- a lower intermediate section connected to the lower section at an acute angle upwardly away from the bottom surface,

an upper intermediate section connected to the lower intermediate section at an acute angle downwardly toward the bottom surface,

an upper section connected to the upper intermediate section at an acute angle upwardly away from the bottom surface; and

hand grips located on the lower intermediate section and the upper section, each acute angle being in the range of twenty five to thirty degrees.

11.(ORIGINAL) A Shingle Ripper according to claim 10 wherein the claw has a rear tip, the rear tip being bent upwardly away from the bottom surface at an acute angle.

12.(CANCELLED) A Shingle Ripper according to claim 10 wherein each acute angle is in the range of twenty-five to thirty-five degrees.

13.(ORIGINAL) A Shingle Ripper according to claim 10 wherein each acute angle is approximately thirty degrees.

14.(CURRENTLY AMENDED) A Shingle Ripper for removing existing shingles from a roof comprising:

a claw being a generally triangularly-shaped plate with a front edge and a rear tip, the claw having a bottom surface and a top surface, the rear tip being bent upwardly away from the bottom surface at an angle of approximately thirty degrees, the front edge having teeth;

a handle including:

a claw section affixed to the top surface of the claw,

a lower section connected to the claw section and being located at an angle upwardly from the bottom surface of approximately thirty degrees, the lower section being secured to the rear tip of the claw,

a lower intermediate section connected to the lower section at an angle of approximately thirty degrees upwardly away from the bottom surface,

an upper intermediate section connected to the lower intermediate section at an angle of approximately thirty degrees downwardly toward the bottom surface,

an upper section connected to the upper intermediate section at an acute angle of approximately thirty degrees upwardly away from the bottom surface; the lower section being moderately longer than the lower intermediate section and the upper intermediate section and the upper section; and

hand grips located on the lower intermediate section and the upper intermediate section.